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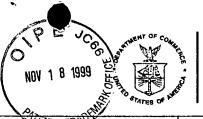
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Food and Vitamin Preparations Containing the Natural Isomer of Reduced Folates

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/010,898, filed January 31, 1996.

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to the field of nutrition, and more specifically to food and vitamin preparations containing the natural isomer of reduced folates.

5 Background of the Invention

The folates are ubiquitous to nearly all forms of life. Humans and many other animals lack the capacity to make their own folate which thus is an essential vitamin, one type of essential nurient. Anemia especially during pregnancy and in the geriatric population was an early indication of a dietary requirement for folate.

- A major function of folate is to remove one-carbon units from molecules being metabolized and then deliver them to molecules being synthesized. As an example, folate participates in the formation of the nucleic acids. Further, the activity of DNA is controlled, in part, by methylation, and the primary methylating agent of the body (S-adenosylmethionine) is made in a metabolic cycle involving a folate.
- Many studies have, therefore, focused on the relationship of folate status to cancer susceptibility, especially colorectal adenoma.

The importance of folate to proper growth is clearly evident in the occurrence of neural tube defects in newborn infants. Reports from several countries have shown that a majority of such cases are associated with low folate levels in the mother. The incidence of these defects as well as of cleft lip/palate is considerably reduced when women are given folic acid (I) starting early in pregnancy. Recently, a significant correlation has been discovered between vitamin deficiency, especially of folate, and peripheral vascular disease, a major cause of death. A high percentage of individuals with this affliction have abnormal blood levels of homocysteine, a precursor to methionine in the folate dependent step of the S-adenosylmethonine cycle. Folate deficiency has also been linked to defective

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Sir:

The Assignee of record of the above-identified application, South Alabama Medical Science Foundation, by virtue of an assignment submitted for recordation on July 31, 1998, hereby revokes all powers of attorney previously granted and in their place appoints the following attorneys: Susan J. Braman, Reg. No. 34,103 and Peter Rogalskyj, Reg. No. 38,601, each of them c/o Braman & Rogalskyj, LLP, P.O. Box 352, Canandaigua, New York 14424-0352 (telephone 716-393-3000; facsimile 716-393-3001), each with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file any International Applications which are based thereon under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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